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FOR GENERATING REDUNDANT DATA  
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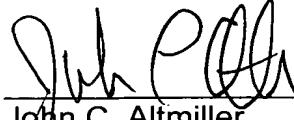
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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

The references were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in related application No. 97120114.0. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. All of the US references cited in the Search Report have already been submitted. U.S. Patent No. 5,734,812 is equivalent to JP 05 046324, of which only the abstract is submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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